

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Representative Bielawa Receives Committee Appointments**



HARTFORD- State Representative Hank Bielawa, R-2nd, has been appointed by House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-North Branford, to serve on three Legislative Committees during the 2005 and 2006 General Assembly sessions. He was elected to his second term representing the 2nd District, which is comprised of sections of Danbury, Bethel and Redding, on November 2.

Bielawa will serve as a member of the Transportation Committee, Energy and Technology Committee and Select Committee on Veterans Affairs. The Energy and Technology Committee has cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Public Utility Control, which regulates utilities, and energy planning.

The Transportation Committee has cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Transportation, including highways and bridges, navigation, aeronautics, mass transit and railroads; and to the State Traffic Commission and the department of Motor Vehicles.

The Veterans Affairs Committee, which has been created for the 2005 Legislative Session, may conduct public hearings, issue reports of its findings and originate and report any bill it deems necessary concerning military and veterans affairs, except veterans' pensions. Veterans' issues were previously addressed by the Public Safety Committee.

"The Energy and Technology and Transportation Committees will certainly address issues of importance to Bethel, Danbury and Redding," said Rep. Bielawa. "I'm also pleased to be appointed to serve on the first Select Committee on Veterans Affairs. Because this committee will exclusively focus on issues that impact Veterans, it will help ensure that state government can better meet their needs."

Rep. Bielawa is a Korean War Veteran and a Life Member of the Georgetown VFW and Member of the Danbury Chapter of the Korean War Veterans.